

WELCOME TO CLASS 6

**A presentation for parents and
carers**

YEAR SIX: THE END OF AN ERA

Welcome to Year 6 – your child's final year in Primary School before making the transition to Secondary School. There is no doubt that this is a milestone in your child's school journey and I am delighted to be sharing the final year at Crookhill with the children of Class 6.

Last year, in Year 5, your children made some big steps towards becoming more independent, perhaps by walking to or from school alone or with friends.

This year, we will aim to further develop their independence to ensure that they are well prepared for the next stage of their education both socially and academically.



OUR CLASSROOM



Our classroom is a lovely room. The high ceiling and large windows make it a light and bright place to work.

Our desks are usually arranged in rows which helps us to focus well in lessons.

We can also use the break-out space and meeting room for smaller group work.

LOCKERS

Children will again have access to a locker to store their personal belongings.

Children are welcome to bring bags to school. Although most of our homework and reading will be set online, it is still handy to have a bag in school for letters etc.



YEAR SIX STAFF



Mrs D Kelly, Class Teacher



Mrs E Stringer, HLTA

YEAR 6 CURRICULUM



We aim to teach a broad and balanced curriculum in Year 6 to all pupils. This means we will cover the full range of National Curriculum Subjects throughout the year as well as offering a range of extra-curricular and other activities. Not all subjects are taught at the same time so we may cover art in one term and Design Technology in the next. Each term, children will bring home a booklet outlining the content of each curriculum subject.

PE AND SPORT



Our first PE Day is Tuesday. Our sessions are led by Newcastle Eagles development coaches. There will also be opportunities to attend after school Basketball club.



This term, our second PE lesson (on Wednesdays) will be a Health and Fitness unit (first half term) and Commando Joe character curriculum unit in the second half term.

HOMework

Learning at home is an important part of our school day. Some basic information about homework:



- Reading is by far the most beneficial thing that children can do out of school.
- Spellings will be set weekly, please support your child to learn these.
- Homework activities will be set online using the various platforms we have.
- If children can not complete homework online, they may stay behind after school on Mondays (3.15 – 4.15pm) to complete their homework in school. More information will follow.

HOMWORK: TIMES TABLES

Fluency with times tables is still as important as ever in upper Key Stage Two. Ideally, children will continue to access Times Table Rock Stars at home where possible. Of course, times tables can easily be practised without needing to be online. Simply reciting the tables or recalling facts is a great way to make sure the tables are fluent.



TIMES TABLE – STAR AWARDS



Year Six			
Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum
To recall prime numbers to 50 fluently.	To relate times table facts to known number facts including decimals.	To recall prime numbers to 100 fluently.	To know all cubed numbers up to 100^3

SPELLING & SPELLING BEE



Each week, a spelling list will be sent home. Please support your child to learn their spelling list for a test on the following Friday.

The same spelling list will be set as an assignment on Spelling Shed. This will help to reinforce the spelling pattern of the week.

Children can also use Spelling Shed to practise previous spelling lists to ensure that the spelling patterns are retained rather than learned for a test then forgotten! The weekly spelling test will include patterns / rules from previous year groups in order to revise prior content.

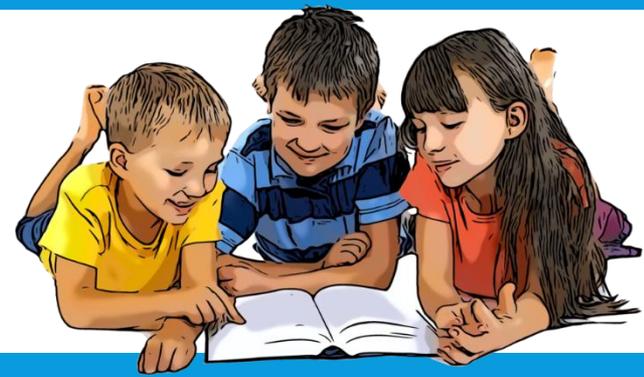
Our Spelling Bee Challenge will continue in school. You can support your children to gain their next wrist band by learning the spelling lists at that stage. More details can be found on our school website.

READING

“Nothing is more important in education than ensuring that every child can read well. Pupils who can read well are overwhelmingly more likely to succeed at school, achieve good qualifications, and subsequently enjoy a fulfilling and rewarding career. Those who cannot will find themselves at a constant disadvantage.”

DFE, Reading the Next Steps, April 2015

READING IN YEAR SIX



- Please read with or encourage your child to regularly at home.
- Reading Plus will continue to be used regularly in school.
- We read aloud to children in class and encourage a love of reading and promote discussion of the texts we are sharing in class.
- Accelerated Reader continues to be used in school and is used to measure growth and achievement in reading.
- Don't forget, pupils can access the online reading library 'MyOn' which is linked to pupils' current reading level.

READING GOALS FOR YEAR 6

- Read everyday
- Enjoy reading and want to read
- Have a variety of books to choose from
- Develop fluency and accuracy
- Develop comprehension

HOME SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

We like to have open lines of communication with parents. We recognise that in Year 6, we often have less contact with parents on a day to day basis than in other school years. Contact the school office if you have any concerns or questions.



Marvellous Me is a great way of keeping in touch. It is used to celebrate work and send home important messages – especially important for short notice changes of plan! Call the office for a joining code if you are not signed up to Marvellous Me.



Our school website page can be found at https://www.crookhillprimary.org/website/upper_key_stage_2/5060 Here you will find our class blog and lots of other important information about what's happening in Year 6. The Friday letter can also be found on the website.

OTHER INFORMATION

Walking Home

Children in Year 5 and 6 can walk home from school without a parent or carer if they have permission from home to do so. Please remember to renew permission for walking home by either calling or emailing the office, writing a note that states what you give permission for your child to do (walk home or meet a parent at the gate) or you can complete a walk to school permission slip.



Mobile Phones

If children are walking home alone, they are permitted to bring a mobile phone to school. This **MUST** be handed in so that it can be put in a safe place and returned at home time. Phones must be switched off when they are handed in and not turned back on until children reach the school gates.



AND FINALLY...SATS

Children in Year 6 will sit Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) in May. They will sit tests in:

- Mathematics (Arithmetic & Reasoning)
- Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar (SPaG)
- Reading
- Writing (Teacher assessed)

2022 saw the return of formal end of Key Stage Assessments after they were cancelled due to COVID in 2020/2021.

Further information about the assessments will be shared with parents over the course of this year.

At Crookhill, we have high expectations for all of our pupils and we want everyone to reach their potential in Year 6. This means that, at times, children may be asked to take part in intervention groups or to attend booster sessions after school to ensure that they have the best chance of meeting their goals. Again, more information will follow.

THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to look through this presentation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 0191 433 4066 or email crookhillprimary@gateshead.gov.uk (messages will be forwarded from the office to my email).